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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6516  
INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY SANA  
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 11597

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, EG, YS, LY

SUBJECT: GOE ARREST PDRY DIPLOMAT

REF: CAIRO 10702 (NOTAL)

1. PRESS REPORTS AUGUST 30 THAT PDRY "CONSUL" SAIF MUHSIN (ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC LIST SAIF MUHSIN HUSSEIN IS SECOND SECRETARY) ATTEMPTED TO FLEE EGYPT AFTER LEARNING THAT MFA HAD DECIDED TO LIFT HIS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN AUGUST 6 ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST FORMER PDRY PRIMIN MUHAMMAD ALI HAYTHAM (REFTEL).

2. AHRAH SAYS SECUTIY AUTHORITIES RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM MFA TO LIFT DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY ON AUGUST 28. MUHSIN WAS THEN ARRESTED AUGUST 29 IN APARTMENT OF YEMINI FRIEND WHERE HE WAS HIDING. HE WAS REPORTEDLY DRUNK AND LOADED FUN FOUND IN APARTMENT. AHRAH SAID HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE FROM EGYPT DRESSED AS A MOWAN AND WITH FALSE PASSPORT. GUMHURIYYA ADDED THAT SEVERAL ATTEMPTS HAD BEEN MADE TO SMUGGLE MUSHIN OUT OF COUNTRY, IN SOME OF WHICH LIBYA HAD PARTICIPATED.

3. MAGDI SHARAF, CHIEF OF GIZA PROSECUTION, MINISTRY OF  
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JUSTICE, WAS INSTRUCTED TO INTERROGATE MUHSIN PRIOR TO

TURNING HIM OVER TO MILITARY PROSECUTION WITH OTHER  
DEFENDANTS IN HAYTHAM CASE IN VIEW OF REPUBLICAN DECREE THAT  
HAS BEEN ISSUED ANNEXING THIS CASE TO HIJACKED PLANE CASE.

4. ACCORDING TO AFP, PDRY EMBASSY HAS ISSUED COMMUNIQUE  
PROTESTING ARREST OF MUHSIN, SAYING GOE WILL BE HELD  
RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSEQUENCES, AND DEMANDING HIS IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE.

5. COMMENT: MFA DIRECTOR LEGAL DEPARTMENT HAD TOLD POL COUNS  
EARLIER THAT MFA HAD INITIALLY REFUSED MININT REQUEST THAT  
IMMUNITY BE WAIVED ON GROUNDS THAT IT CONTRARY TO VIENNA  
CONVENTION. MFA HAD, HOWEVER, REQUESTED PDRY TO WAIVE  
IMMUNITY, WHICH WAS REFUSED. DECISION TO ARREST MUHSIN  
OVERRULED MFA AND WAS PRESUMABLY MADE AT HIGHEST LEVEL. GOE  
NORMALLY STRICTLY OBSERVES DIPLOMATIC PRACTICES AND WOULD NOT  
HAVE TAKEN THIS ACTION LIGHTLY. MOST LIKELY EXPLANATION IS  
THAT GOE CONVINCED THAT THERE IS CONNECTION BETWEEN PDRY  
INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN EGYPT -- WHICH GOE FINDS ANNOYING BUT  
NOT SERIOUS AS LONG AS THEY LIMIT IT TO INTRA-PDRY POWER  
STRUGGLES--AND LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST  
EGYPT.  
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